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Letter dated 14 September 1999 from the Permanent Representative of Rwanda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to write to Your Excellency with regard to the note verbale dated 7 September 1999 from the Permanent Mission of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/53/1048) about an item referred to as "armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo", an item my delegation strongly recommends be removed from the agenda of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly for many obvious reasons.

I wish, at this stage, to draw Your Excellency's attention to the Charter of the Organization, especially Articles 12 and 39, and also to the rules and procedures of the General Assembly that we are proud to see you chairing today. To these technical and legal reasons, we also wish to add political ones with reference to the Lusaka Peace Agreement meant to take us all towards the right, peaceful solution to the crisis in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the region. It would not be fair not to refer to the valuable efforts made or being made by the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations.

We hope that consultations will continue with a view to removing the item, bearing in mind the reasons referred to above and many more that we reserve the right to raise in case the item goes ahead and is debated again in the session of the General Assembly.

I should be grateful if you would kindly circulate this letter as an official document of the General Assembly.

(*Signed*) Joseph W. **Mutaboba**
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